

**MINUTES OF WICKLOW MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING
MONDAY 19th OCTOBER 2020
THE CHAPEL, WICKLOW COUNTY CAMPUS, CLEREMONT HOUSE, RATHNEW.**

Present: Cathaoirleach John Snell, Councillors Gail Dunne, Paul O'Brien, Mary Kavanagh, Shay Cullen.

In attendance: District Manager Brian Gleeson,
District Engineer Kevin Scanlon,
District Administrator Joan Sinnott,
Executive Engineer Alan Martin,
Assistant Staff Officer Anne Marie Kelly,
Myles Buchanan Wicklow People.

Cathaoirleach John Snell opened the meeting at 3.00 pm.

ITEM 1.

Confirmation of the Minutes from the Wicklow Municipal District Meeting held on the 28th September 2020.

It was proposed by Cllr Paul O'Brien, seconded by Cllr Gail Dunne and unanimously agreed to confirm and sign the minutes of the Wicklow Municipal District Meeting held on the 28th September 2020.

ITEM 2.

To consider report on the Draft Budgetary Plan for the Municipal Districts in respect of the year ending 2021.

The report of the Chief Executive on the Draft Budgetary Plan for the Municipal Districts of Wicklow County Council for the financial year ending 31st December 2021 was circulated to the members prior to the meeting. The Draft budgetary Plan has been prepared in accordance with Section 102 of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014.

District Manager Brian Gleeson presented the Budgetary Plan to the members and advised that the decision to reduce the Local Property Tax rate back to the base rate, will now result in an income reduction of €1.7m to WCC in 2021. He further advised that a discretionary budget for 2021 could not yet be distributed due to both the impact of Covid 19 and the reduction in the Local Property Tax, with the exception of the €4k expected in income from roundabout sponsorship.

The members raised the issue of car-parking revenue generated from the car parks in Glendalough and Brittas Bay not feeding back into this district and their dissatisfaction that WMD was not reaping the benefits from this income.

It was proposed by Cllr Shay Cullen and seconded by Cllr Paul O'Brien and unanimously agreed to adopt the Draft Budgetary Plan for Wicklow Municipal District.

ITEM 3.

2020 Discretionary Funding/NTA Funding.

This item was passed over as it was discussed previously.

ITEM 4.

District Engineers Report.

Housing:

- Work continuing on general maintenance and repairs.
- Technical support to WCC-Housing Dept:
 - Re-lets and emergency accommodation:
 - 4 standard.
 - 5 emergency accommodation.
 - 3 returned to WCC Housing Dept.
 - 9 have works continuing on site.
 - 10 house purchases being finalised.
 - DPGs: ? finished. ? ready to start. TBC

Roads, Footpath and Special Projects:

- 2020 roads programme:
 - Surface dressing programme. Complete.
 - Overlay programme. Due to start this week.
 - Microsurfacing commenced at St. Patricks Road from Springfield the Ballyguille Junction. Similar works at Seaview Estate to commence this week.
 - LIS Carrigeenshinagh: Contractor to start in two weeks.
- Road Opening Licences (23) continue to be processed and agreed.
- Church Hill temporary 1-way system (NTA Mobility Fund) design finalised. Info letter to be sent to residents and businesses this week. Work commencing next week.
- Wicklow Town Main Street 1-way (NTA Mobility Fund) draft design prepared. Awaiting final approval from NTA. First consultation with public last week.
- Newtown footpath widening (NTA Mobility Fund) design complete. Awaiting final approval from NTA.
- Leg of Mutton junction footpath and bus improvements (NTA July Stimulus Fund) commenced last week. Substantially complete next week.
- M11 to Ashford footpath improvements (NTA July Stimulus Fund) completed at M11 end, works to commence at Ashford end next week.
- Rockey Road footpath construction (NTA July Stimulus Fund). WCC to construct footpath and Contractor to carry out adjacent road repairs. Due to start in two weeks (dependant on other projects).
- Laragh - Glendalough footpath improvements (NTA July Stimulus Fund) on hold to deal with priority projects.
- Town and Village (accelerated scheme 1) – Roundwood: Hardware ordered, contractor required.
- Town and Village (accelerated scheme 2) – Laragh: Contractor Required, hardware procurement in progress.
- Town and Village (accelerated scheme 3) – Wicklow Town: Canopy/Awnings, Town Team discussing practical options with local business.

- Town and Village Main Scheme 2020: Two applications submitted for review by Dept. of Rural and Community Development:
Ashford – Main Street, generally footpaths, parking, public lighting improvements.
Annamoe – Place making
- Works to Vartry River weir (Climate Adaption Fund) agreed works complete. Preparing a proposal for additional works at weir area next summer.
- Reservoir Car Park, Roundwood. Gates manufactured, including automated unit, to be installed (say within two weeks), road side signage (ordered) and road marking adjacent to entrance required (again say two weeks).
- All lights for Wicklow Town monument lighting scheme have been delivered to contractor. Ground works contractor in place (currently engaged in NTA schemes).

Environment:

- N/A – Refer to Vartry Weir Project above.

Planning:

- Planning permission inspections, compliance advice and site inspections.

Playgrounds

- Ongoing maintenance and repairs.
- Small grant awarded to install one unit at both the Murrough and Ballynerrin playgrounds. Procurement to follow.

Public Liability

- 4 new cases (4 material damage, 0 personal injuries) and 1 settled/closed.

Discretionary Works:

- Separate report issued to be discussed.

2020 Roads Programme-Overlay projects

Regional Roads

R772 ASHFORD MAIN ST

R115 SALLYGAP

R765 SLAUGHTER

Local Roads

L5094 MONEYSTOWN-BALLYCULLEN

L1037 NEWTOWN TO ALTIDORE

L1037 SEASON PARK

L5106 BALLINTESKIN MARLTON TO T JUNCTION

L1059 LARAGH EAST TO DRUMMIN

L5713 HIGH STREET WICKLOW TOWN

L5601 BALLYNERRIN-ST PATRICKS ROAD

L51240 SEAVIEW HEIGHTS

L5715 UPPER NEW STREET WICKLOW TOWN

L1059 BALTYNANIMA

Comments/Queries

- The members praised the WMD staff for the many project recently completed in the district particularly the improvement works at the Leg of Mutton.
- Irish Water should take the lead in ensuring the main sewer running under the river in Ashford is maintained.
- Traffic calming at Ballynerrin needed.
- A request was made to consult with members before the proposed one way systems come into operation.

- Is it possible to install a pedestrian crossing on the public road near to the Rosehill Estate?
- Street lights not working at pier beside Babycare.
- Basketball ring is loose in the Ballynerrin Playground.
- Additional smart bins around the district would be welcome.

ITEM 5.

Project updates – Fitzwilliam Square/Library/Town & Village/Vartry Car park.

Fitzwilliam Square: Works to be completed early January. The contractor is currently finishing the paving on Bridge Street.

Library: Contractor currently working on façade.

Vartry Car Park: Almost finished, and gates have been manufactured.

ITEM 6.

Re-Opening Committee Update.

District Administrator Joan Sinnott advised the members that banners had been erected around the town, and a promotional video urging people to shop local had been circulated online. Stickers have also been placed on all parking meters informing the public of the 15 minute grace period. Ms Sinnott further advised that the fee for outdoor tables and chair S254 licenses has been further extended until the end of December 2020.

District Manager Brian Gleeson informed the members that the deadline for the business re-start grant is now the end of October 2020, and also advised that the rates waiver scheme has been extended covering 9 months (March to December).

ITEM 7.

Correspondence.

No correspondence received.

ITEM 8.

A.O.B.

Cllr Irene Winters requested a letter of sympathy be sent to the family of the late Mary Roche of Crinion Park (mother of Heather Roche, Revenue Department, Wicklow County Council).

One of the members informed the meeting that they had received an email from the Vartry Rowing Club requesting assistance with finding a permanent base to operate from. It was also advised that Wicklow Swimming Club still has no permanent base either.

Cllr Mary Kavanagh thanked the staff from the Town Hall for lighting the building to mark International Pregnancy & Infant loss remembrance Day (15th October).

CATHAOIRLEACH JOHN SNELL CONCLUDED THE MEETING AT 4.05 PM.

Signed: _____
CATHAOIRLEACH

Signed: _____
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Dated: _____